# CHRISTMAS

# TOKENS AND MEDALS

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## INTRODUCTION

A new branch of topical collecting has become popular among many collectors in the United States within the past few years. This is the collecting of Christmas tokens and medals. Certainly it makes a collection of interest to everyone, whether a collector or not. While such a collection is based primarily on sentiment (who has anything bad to say about Santa Claus?) there are quite a few specimens of historical value as this catalog will show. Not only do we see the changing features of Santa Claus over the years, we find record of such American institutions as Christmas clubs and the effect of the Depression of the 1930's.

The earliest Christmas medal listed in this catalog is dated 1864. This may or may not be the earliest U.S. medal or token related to Christmas but it is surely very close it. Christmas cards first began in the 1840's and a few U.S. bank notes from pre-Civil War years depict Santa Claus. But the earliest U.S. New Year's token (which was widely celebrated in the past) is dated 1859 indicating that metal pieces celebrating the Holidays probably began about this time. It might be added here that since the advent of the celluloid and metal pin back badge in the 1890's that many of these depicting Santa and other Christmas themes have been issued. All of these, plus souvenir paper paper items in the form of banknotes, make an interesting sideline to include with your Christmas tokens and medals if you wish.

Christmas as we know it today is a comparatively modern development although Christmas in one form or another has been celebrated for hundreds of years. This catalog may be said to be limited to this modern "Santa Claus period." It does not as a rule include religious or Saint Nicholas medals, nor, does it include New Year's tokens and medals such as the yearly Austrian good luck tokens which are sometimes confused as being Christmas tokens.

This catalog has developed from a listing of Christmas tokens and medals I first wrote for the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine in December, 1962. A revision of this listing appeared in the December 1965 issue of that publication. The present catalog is based on that listing with many additions and illustrations.

The arrangement of the tokens and medals is to a large extent by historical sequence, dating from the earliest to the present, although this is not always possible due to the difficulty in determining the date of some pieces. Where possible, similar or related pieces are grouped together. The catalog numbers used in this catalog are not the same as used in my previous listings, but have been expanded to include the many additions. It is not my intention to change these numbers again and future additions will be added at the end of the catalog or by a letter following the present numbers (when a specimen is a related type of the present listing).

The specimens listed are priced. These are approximate guides, and in many instances may sell higher or lower. It should be pointed out that prices for Catalog Nos. 1 to 15 are for VF to EF condition; Nos. 16 to 28 for EF to AU; Nos. 29 to 69, AU to Unc. (or proof). Foreign issues, EF or better. It is to be generally expected that pieces issued within the past few years are in new condition. Of older specimens it seems that many

are generally found in nice condition while others of the same period are difficult to find choice.

Should interest in this series continue to grow, these prices may seem low within the next few years. While assembling 10 to 20 varieties isn't too difficult, after that the going gets tougher. Don't let this discourage you — it's all part of the thrill of the hunt, and now is the time to search for them. You might even be the first collector with all the specimens listed in this catalog! As this is being written, even the most complete collections are in the neighborhood of 60 kinds out of the over 100 listed.

Due to photographs having been taken by different people at different times, and under different conditions, the illustrations vary somewhat. Some are same size as the specimen, others are larger or smaller. Actual size is given in the description to the nearest millimeter or inches.

Ordinarily I limit my collecting to historical numismatic specimens but in Christmas and Santa Claus tokens and medals I make an exception. This way I have Christmas not only during "the season to be jolly" but throughout the whole year. Won't you join me?


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1. View of Church. GREEN ST. M.E. / CHURCH above, SUNDAY SCHOOL / PHILADA. below. Reverse, around edge, ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN. In center, BEHOLD, I BRING / YOU GOOD TIDINGS / OF GREAT JOY, / WHICH SHALL BE / TO ALL PEOPLE / CHRISTMAS / 1864. One of the earliest, if not the earliest Christmas medal in the United States. Apparently to commemorate the rising fortunes of the Northern States in the Civil War, and the expectation that the conflict would soon be over, and that peace would shortly return. White metal, 38mm. $10.00

2. Obverse, upper half of Santa Claus, with pack on back, and holding small pine tree, all within wreath, and words SANTA CLAUS around outer border. Reverse, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR within heavy holly wreath. Holed at top for loop. Probably 1880's or earlier. White metal, 35mm. $10.00

2a. Obverse, as preceding. Reverse, COMPLIMENTS OF THOS. PARRY'S SONS MEDALS BADGES & SOUVENIRS in six lines. Advertising card of the maker of the preceding piece which was probably sold as a gift item. Bronze, 35mm. $10.00

3. Obverse, Santa Claus standing in sleigh full of toys, horn in hand, driving four reindeer (No Rudolph) down a mountainside. No inscription. Reverse, same as No. 1. Holed at top, this and No. 1 were originally looped. Probably from succeeding years. White metal, 35mm. $10.00

3a. Obverse, as No. 3; reverse as No. 2a. Gilt, 35mm. $10.00

3b. Similar to No. 3 (both obverse and reverse) but smaller size. White metal, 28mm. $10.00

3c. Obverse and reverse as No. 3 in smaller size, attached to an U.S. shield with pin back. Brass, 28mm. $10.00

3d. Obverse, Santa Claus in sleigh as on No. 3; reverse, within circle, head of Santa Claus wearing holly wreath, KRIS KRINGLE at right. Around outer edge, WISHING YOU A MERRY XMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR. White metal, 28mm. $10.00

4. Obverse, HARBACH'S CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS / MERRY CHRISTMAS / AND / HAPPY NEW YEAR / 36 N. 8TH ST. / PHILA, PA., all in curved lines. Reverse, U.S. flag, LONG MAY IT WAVE and stars around border of token. 1870's period. Miller No. 190. White metal, 25mm. $3.50

5. Obverse, THE HAYMARKET above, in center a view of theatre of this name, below, WILL J. DAVIS / MANAGER. Reverse, THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY SOUVENIR THE HAYMARKET POPULAR THEATRE OF CHICAGO 1890. The Haymarket was a popular theatre in Chicago at the time and opened on Christmas Day, 1887. Made by Childs. White metal, 37mm. $10.00

6. Obverse, COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON 1898-1899, incused. Reverse, a monogram within a diamond, against a lined background. Monogram is PVE within a large C with O at opening (Co.) An Edison or electric company? (Reverse not incused.) Gilt, 27mm. $2.50

7. Obverse, arms of University of Minnesota in center, a wreath around edge with eagle above. Inscription, FOR GOD AND HUMANITY in curved line above arms, and U.S.V. beneath crossed rifles below. Rev., inscription in seven lines, partly within a border of stars: CHRISTMAS 1898. FROM THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINN. AS A TOKEN OF YOUR PATRIOTISM. A bar at upper center has space for engraving name of recipient. Apparently sent to students of the University of Minnesota that volunteered for service in the Spanish-American War. Copper, 30mm. $5.00

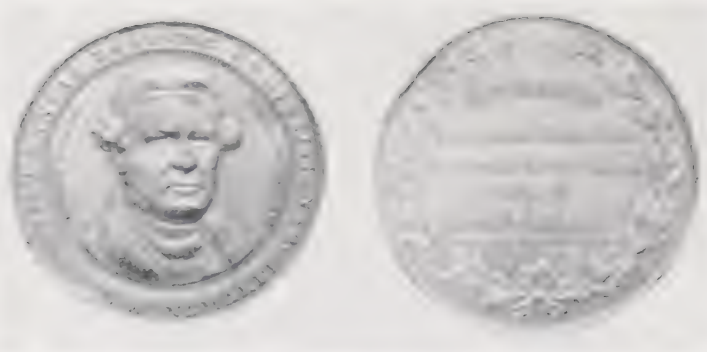
8. Obverse, around edge, COMPLIMENTS OF DOC. BROWN SPOKANE WASH. MERRY CHRISTMAS. In center, an owl with lantern resting on a tree limb, stars and moon in background. Below, THE OWL. (Probably a tavern issued this souvenir piece.) Reverse, a scarce stock

die of F. Koch, New York die sinker, made for the W. F. Doll Mfg. Co. In center a steel horseshoe bearing words MAINE, FEB. 15, 1898. A lengthy inscription around the horseshoe states that "This is to certify that the U.S. Government has delivered to the W. F. Doll Mfg. Co., N.Y. the entire amount of steel saved from the wreck of the battleship Maine." Beneath the horseshoe, "A Maine Steel Souvenir, W. F. Doll Mfg. Co. N.Y. Signed by W. C. Gibson Comander U.S.N. in Charge General Delivery of Stores." Crossed anchors at sides. Issued near turn of century. Aluminum with imbedded steel horseshoe made from steel salvaged from the Maine. 38mm. $10.00

9. Obverse, Santa Claus atop chimney with one reindeer and sleigh in foreground. MERRY CHRISTMAS around border. Reverse, a muling of the Lord's Prayer. About 1900? Brass, 16mm. (Enlarged illustration of obverse.) Holed or unholed. $2.50

10. Smallest Christmas medalet seen. Obverse, MERRY CHRISTMAS around circle containing a star. Reverse, same except reads HAPPY NEW YEAR. Copper, 15mm. $3.00

11a. Obverse, Goddess of Art bestowing wreath on cupids from container bearing words ARS LONGA. Around outer border, 2nd ANNUAL DRAWING COMPETITION JOHN WANAMAKER. Reverse, within wreath, 2nd ANNUAL CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS DRAWING COMPETITION 1904 JOHN WANAMAKER PHILADELPHIA NEW YORK PARIS in 6 lines. Looped white metal, with blue ribbon bearing bar reading CHRISTMAS 1904 COMPETITION. 39mm. $5.00



11a. Obverse, portrait of MILLIARD FILLMORE, THIRTEENTH PRESIDENT in center. Around outer border, 15TH ANNUAL DRAWING COMPETITION, JOHN WANAMAKER. Reverse, within wreath, 15TH ANNUAL CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS DRAWING COMPETITION 1917 JOHN WANAMAKER PHILADELPHIA NEW YORK PARIS LONDON, in seven lines. White metal or gilt, 37mm. $5.00

This was an annual Christmas art contest for children. Medals were apparently issued every year but years other than those listed have not been seen. It may be assumed that the presidential series began with No. 3 and depicted George Washington.

12. A movable calendar. FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE CO. around border with monogram below. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 1909 amid decorative center design. Reverse, calendar with days and months. Silver, 38mm. $15.00

13. Santa Claus with bag on back, hand clasped to face to shout, facing towards left. MERRY CHRISTMAS around upper border. Rev. around border, GOOD HEALTH . GOOD LUCK. Below, JOHN WANAMAKER. In center wreath, A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 1910. John Wanamaker was a well known Philadelphia merchant. See also No. 11. Bronze, 25mm. $2.00

13a. As above, but issued by a different merchant: Reverse reads, around outer border, HEADQUARTERS FOR ENGAGEMENT AND WEDDING RINGS. Within center circle, in eight lines, SELECT YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS NOW AND HAVE THEM RESERVED -o- SOL. LEVIT JEWELER SHENANDOAH, PA. (An early "lay away.") Bronze, 25mm. $2.00

13b. As above, but a different merchant reverse: DIVES POMEROY & STEWART around outer border. Within center circle, SANTA CLAUS XMAS GIFT SHOP. Bronze, 25mm. $2.00

13c. As above, another merchant reverse: In center, THE CARL CO. LOCKPORT SCHENECTADY. Around edge, THE HOME OF GOLD BOND DIVIDENDS 1891-1930. The previous pieces are from Pennsylvania. This later one is from New York. Bronze, 25mm. $2.50

14. Medal honoring the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens, 1912. Obverse, three-quarter bust of Dickens facing left. Above, CHARLES DICKENS NOVELIST. Above shoulder, A.BLITHE. SPIRIT. The F. OF. THE. M. Reverse, Tiny Tim holding crutch on Bob Cratchit's shoulder. Above, at right, GOD BLESS US ALL EVRY ONE. Sprig of holly above Cratchit's shoulder. The scene is one from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion (The F. of the M.) and made by Davison of Philadelphia. Bronze, 70mm. $15.00

15. Medal, unidentified as to issuer. Obverse, a cross within a wreath. Reading downward on the cross is the word PEACE, and across GOOD WILL. Reverse, a 4-leaf clover at top and bottom with following inscription between: WITH EVERY GOOD WISH — FOR CHRISTMAS — AND THE NEW YEAR. The center line is in larger letters. Copper 32mm. $4.00. (Possibly issued in 1918 at end of World War I.)

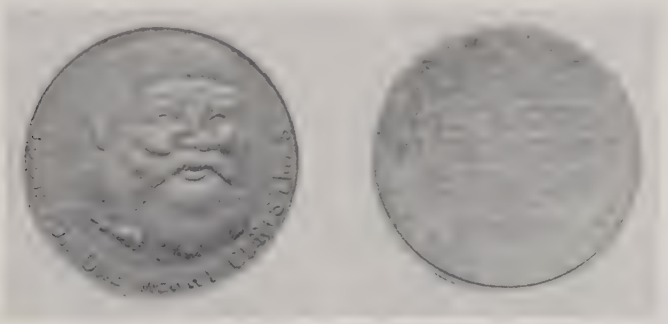
16. Obverse, QUEENS COUNTY SAVINGS BANK — FLUSHING, L.I. around border. Bank building in center. Reverse, THIS COIN GOOD FOR 25 CENTS IN OPENING A CHRISTMAS SAVINGS ACCOUNT 1925-1926. Whitehead-Hoag (maker) in small letters at bottom. Gilt. 32mm. $2.50

16a. Same, but reverse is dated 1926-1927. Gilt, 32mm. $2.50

17. Obverse, THE HOME SAVINGS BANK, TOLEDO, OHIO around border. Bank building in center. Reverse, same as No. 16a, a stock die used by two different banks. Gilt, 32mm. $2.50

18. Obverse, lettering only, PACIFIC STAMP WKS 346 SPRAGUE AVE. with MERRY XMAS in center. Reverse, GOOD FOR 10 CTS. IN TRADE. Believed to be about 1927. Brass, 24mm. $3.00

19. Obverse, a wide-eyed Santa facing (small initials LB at bottom of beard) within circle. Holly leaves at sides with MERRY / CHRISTMAS at top and bottom. Reverse, large upturned horseshoe with 4-leaf clover at top. Within, the inscription A LUCKY NEW YEAR. Gilt, 33mm. $2.00



20. Obverse, facing head of Santa Claus in cap. Below, GOOD FOR ONE MERRY CHRISTMAS. Reverse, in eight lines: TO ALL FRIENDS OF SANTA CLAUS SCRUGGS VANDERVOORT BARNEY -.- SENDS A MERRY CHRISTMAS. Brass, 32mm. $3.00

21. Obverse, wreath with Frigidaire (refrigerator) arms at top. In center, on a shield, MERRY / CHRISTMAS / 1931. At bottom in small letters: STERLING. Reverse, blank. Silver, 29mm., scalloped edge. $2.50

22. Obverse, Santa facing, SANTA CLAUS above, WISHING COIN below. Rev. FROM SANTA CLAUS THE HALLE BROS. CO. (small crest) CHRISTMAS 1933. In tiny letters at bottom TRADE MARK REG. U.S. PAT. OFF. Gilt, 28mm. $2.00

23. Obverse, a girl looking to right, V.F.W. NATIONAL HOME / CHRISTMAS 1933 around edge. Reverse, good luck emblems in center, wishbone, horseshoe and four-leaf clover. Around the edge, "HELP THE KIDDIES" GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND YOURS Made by Whitehead-Hoag. Gilt, 26mm. $1.50

24. Obverse, girl and boy facing to left looking at V.F.W. emblem. Inscription V.F.W. NAT'L HOME below, with CHRISTMAS 1935 at right edge. Reverse, two four-leaf clovers and horseshoe inscribed HELP THE KIDDIES. Below, GOOD LUCK GOOD HEALTH TO YOU IN / 1935. Made by Whitehead-Hoag. Gilt, 26mm. $1.50

5 Obverse, fireplace, with girl at right decorating Christmas tree. Above V.F.W. NAT'L HOME, below KEEP THE HOME FIRE BURNING. Reverse, VFW emblem at top with inscription below, "THE INTEREST OF CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH IS THE INTEREST OF MANKIND." On a ribbon below, Christmas 1935. At bottom, a horseshoe reading GOOD LUCK, with holly leaves at sides. Made by Whitehead-Hoag. Gilt, 26mm. $1.50

26. Obverse, inscription only, reading AMERICAN LEGION 1937 KIDDIE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. Reverse, emblem of American Legion in center with GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN around. Gilt, 28mm. $1.50

(Holed and unholed.)

27. Obverse, pine tree in center with inscription around GOD BLESS YOU EVERYONE 1938 CHRISTMAS. Reverse, American Legion, etc. as on No. 26. Gilt, 28mm. $1.50

(Both 1937 and 1938 are pictured together with reverse used on both.)

28. Obverse, BEST WISHES / CHRISTMAS / — . — / 1936 / GOOD LUCK. Reverse, MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS / THOMAS E. LATIMER. Copper, 31mm. $3.50

29. Obverse, a mother with three children center. Around is the inscription, CHICAGO'S OWN XMAS BENEFIT / MAYOR EDWARD J. KELLY, CHAIRMAN with GOOD LUCK FOR / 1936 below. Reverse reads YOU HAVE / HELPED CLOTHE / THOUSANDS OF NEEDY / CHICAGO BOYS / AND GIRLS. Brass, 32mm. $2.00

30. Obverse, as above but date at bottom is 1938. Reverse, GOOD LUCK / TO YOU / IN 1939 / YOU ARE / A REAL CHICAGOAN / AND a / A GOOD NEIGHBOR (Were there a 1937 piece?) Given to those who donated clothing, etc. to help needy children. Brass, 32mm. $1.50

31. Obverse, a small head of Santa facing. Around border BENEFIT J.C.C. XMAS TREE FUND. Reverse, a denomination only: 5.00. (Junior Chamber of Commerce.) Brass, 21mm. $3.50

32. A capped Lincoln cent showing Santa Claus half way out of a chimney, MERRY XMAS above. Issued by L. S. Werner, prominent coin dealer, in 1934. With card, $5.00; without card, $3.50

33. A capped Lincoln cent with Santa carrying bag facing to left. Word GREETINGS above. These were first produced by Werner in 1935 and sold during 1935-38. They were available with or without card holder, being sold at 10c without and 15c with holder. Although over 500,000 of these capped cents were sold by Werner and distributed through the Salvation Army, etc., they are seldom seen today. Apparently the copper shell was pried off the cent in many instances and those preserved are saved as souvenirs and by collectors who do not care to sell them. With card, $4.00; without card, $2.50

33a. Similar, different style hat on Santa. These capped cents were ordinarily in copper but some were also gilded and silver plated. With card, $4.00; without card, $3.00

34. Obverse, Indian in war bonnet facing left. LUCKY PENNY at sides. Reverse, SANTA CLAUS LAND above, INDIANA below, with Santa statue at entrance to this tourist attraction in Santa Claus, Indiana. Copper plated lead, 2½ inches. $5.00

35. Obverse: Santa facing slightly towards left of tall tree. Around edge, holly at sides with MERRY CHRISTMAS above and below. Reverse, Christmas tree with candles within circle. Around border, FOR A GOOD LITTLE GIRL. Holly leaves below. In tiny letters below tub holding tree is name of maker, Whitehead-Hoag. Gilt, 32mm. $2.50
Probably also made For a Good Little Boy.

36. Obverse, Santa Claus head facing to right. MERRY CHRISTMAS at lower right edge. Reverse, TO ALL / FRIENDS OF / SANTA CLAUS / BEST & CO. (script) / NEW YORK / SENDS A / MERRY CHRISTMAS. Made by Whitehead-Hoag. A stock design also used by other merchants. Brass, 32mm. $1.00

36a. As above, but reverse reads: LUCKY SPINNING COIN (arrow with knob for spinning in center) OLSON RUG CO. below. (Chicago: Olson Rug Company mantained a small park at their plant where they put up Christmas decorations each year, complete with Santa.) Brass, 32mm. $1.00

37. Obverse as above (same type, different die). Differences in beard, tassel, lettering. Reverse, inscription of BEST & CO. as on No. 27. Brass, 32mm. $1.00

37a. As above, but reverse has inscription of BEST & CO. with store name in Gothic letters (not script). Brass, 32mm. $1.00

37b. As above, reverse reads LUCKY COIN / FROM SANTA CLAUS / AT JOHNSON'S BOOKSTORE. (Springfield, Mass.) Brass, 32mm. Since this is a stock die, undoubtedly other firms also. $1.50

38. As above, a third obverse die, similar in appearance. Reverse, OLSON RUG CO. as on No. 36a. Brass, 32mm. $1.00

39. Obverse, Santa Claus facing to right with MERRY CHRISTMAS at lower right, somewhat similar to above but different type made by S. E. Eby Co., Philadelphia. Reverse, KUGLERS / INTERNATIONALLY / FAMOUS / RESTAURANT / 15TH & CHESTNUT / STREETS / PHILADELPHIA. Brass, 32mm. $1.50

39a. Similar to No. 39 but made with hole at top. Reverse reads IF FOUND / RETURN TO / 1200 / BAR / BROWN STREET / DAYTON, OHIO. Brass, 32mm. $1.50

40. Christmas scene depicting Fezziwig's Ball from Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Above, GOD . BLESS US . EVERY-ONE; below, CHRISTMAS CAROL . . 1843. Holly at sides. Reverse blank. Made by the Medallic Art Company of New York for the Charles Sessler Company in Philadelphia. The largest and one of the most impressive Christmas medals in this catalog. Yellow bronze, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. $15.00

41. A souvenir medalet or pendant which opens up. Obverse, a rayed star with U.S. below. When opened, the following inscription is seen: DESIGNED SOLELY FOR MOTHERS OF THOSE IN SERVICE FROM ONONDAGA COUNTY. Below in tiny incuse letters: STERLING. The words MOTHERS and ONONDAGA COUNTY are larger, which may indicate this die was also used on other items but with mothers changed to fathers and different county or city name. (Onondaga County is in New York State.) On back of second portion of pendant is the inscription: — . — CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO MOTHER 1942 —, — and below in tiny incuse letters: STERLING. Silver, approximately 18 mm. wide by 25mm. high. Looped at top. $3.00

42. Obverse, ST. PAUL STAMP WORKS 74 E. FIFTH ST. TELEPHONE GA. 2564. Reverse, "Good for 25c if presented before Christmas on any educational printing set of $1.50 or over." (St. Paul, Minn.) Aluminum, 31mm. $1.50

43. Obverse, full length figure of Santa Claus facing left, with pack on back and arm upraised. MERRY CHRISTMAS at sides. Reverse, GOOD FOR / 25c / TRADE ON ANY / $1.00 PURCHASE / R. L. KLEMM / CIGARS, GIFTS, / OTSEGO / HOTEL / JACKSON, MICH. Made by the Osborne Coinage Co. Nickel finish, 32mm. $3.00

44. Obverse, similar to above but not as much space at sides of Santa due to smaller size token. MERRY CHRISTMAS at sides. Reverse, around edge, ARNOLD'S GRILL / 210 E. 8th ST. CINCINNATI, O. Within circle, FAMOUS / FOR GOOD FOOD / SINCE 1861 / HAPPY / NEW YEAR / 1948. Looped at top. (Made by Osborne.) 29mm. $3.50

45. Obverse similar to above. Reverse, around edge, THE OSBORNE COINAGE CO / 930 YORK ST., CINCINATI; within circle, HAPPY / NEW YEAR / C. F. STEGMAN / D. T. WINTER / F. D. ORELUP / 1949. Nickel finish, 29mm. with loop. $3.50

46. Obverse, inscription JOIN OUR / CHRISTMAS CLUB curved at top and bottom with HAVE / MONEY / WHEN YOU / NEED IT / MOST in center. Holly leaves at sides. Reverse, MISHAWAKA LOAN & TRUST / COMPANY / (number) / MISHAWAKA / IND. Tokens of Christmas Club. Made by Grammes, Allentown. Brass, 26mm. $2.50

46a. Similar to No. 46, except lettering and arrangement differs slightly. Lettering slightly smaller and not as close to holly leaves at sides. Maker's name (Grammes) does not appear at bottom. Reverse, ATLANTIC COUNTY TRUST COMPANY (number) ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. Brass, 26mm. Of course, both No. 46 and 46a, being used coupons, were probably made for various banks. $2.50

47. Obverse, head of Indian in headdress in center. INDIAN HEAD NATIONAL BANK * NASHUA * within beaded circle. Reverse, "Into our Christmas Thrift Club this coin is good for 10 cts. to open the account with us," in seven lines. (New Hampshire.) Gilt, 30mm. $2.50

48. Obverse, view of igloo and northern style houses with man and two children in parka standing between. Sign on post reads NORTH POLE. In exergue, SANTA'S VILLAGE / JEFFERSON, N.H. Reverse, good luck symbols of wishbone, horseshoe and four-leaf clover, with ribbon at side reading I BRING / GOOD LUCK. In tiny letters at bottom, the name of the maker, SOUVENIRS INC. This piece was made for an amusement park at Jefferson, N.H. which uses a Christmas theme. Gilt, octagonal, holed at top as made. 32mm. $2.50

Neiman-Marcus Co. of Dallas, Texas (department store) issues "Gift Dollars." They were first offered in 1963 and are purchased and redeemed in the same manner as gift certificates. Each read CHRISTMAS / NEIMAN-MARCUS around edge while reverse bears denomination and serial number.

49. $1.00, Neiman-Marcus. Santa facing left. Nickel finish. 33mm.

50. $5.00, "Texas longhorn" reindeer. Nickel finish. 38mm.

51. **$10.00, Christmas tree. Gilt finish. 28mm.**

These are worth face value plus whatever premium a collector may be willing to pay if any.

52 Obverse, Santa facing, with pointing hand. Around edge the inscription, SANTA CLAUS HOUSE / SANTA LAND and below NORTH POLE, ALASKA with "HOME OF SANTA CLAUS" immediately above (beneath Santa's whiskers). Reverse, view of Santa Claus House with Santa Claus in sleigh and reindeer riding through sky above. Inscription around edge reads GOOD FOR $1.00 IN TRADE THROUGH DEC. 25, 1963 AT / SANTA CLAUS HOUSE INC. Gold colored bronze, 38mm.

52a. Same except in silver.

53 Obverse, Santa standing, waving hand. Inscription around reads SANTA CLAUS HOUSE / SANTA LAND / "THE HOME OF SANTA CLAUS" / NORTH POLE, ALASKA. In small letters above Santa is No. 2 (second piece in this series). Reverse, Christmas tree in center with gifts beneath. Dates 1964 / 1965 at sides. Around border SANTA SOUVENIR DOLLAR / THE CHRISTMAS TREE . O TANNENBAUM / SANTA CLAUS HOUSE INC. Gold colored bronze, 38mm.

53a. Same except in silver.

54. Obverse, Santa looking through his spectacles toward right. Inscription around border, SANTA CLAUS HOUSE / SANTA LAND. Below, between poinsettia and North Pole, "THE HOME / OF SANTA CLAUS /NORTH POLE, ALASKA. Reverse, fireplace with Christmas stockings hanging. Inscription around reads SANTA SOUVENIR DOLLAR / THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING / No. 3 (referring to this being third in this series) / "THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG / BY THE CHIMNEY WITH CARE" / -1966- / SANTA CLAUS HOUSE INC. Gold colored bronze, 38mm.

54a. Same except in silver.

The above is a continuing series sold by Santa Claus House, North Pole, Alaska. 10,000 each were made of the bronze, 750 serially numbered of the silver. The bronze originally sold at $1 each, the silver at $10. Normally, the bronze now sell at $2 to $3 each, and the silver might be expected to sell at $15 or so, however, it is reported that a complete set of six pieces, silver and bronze, recently sold at auction for $100.00.

55. Obverse, facing head of Santa Claus, with inscription around edge: THE ORIGINAL SANTA CLAUS INDIANA. In smaller letters immediately below, S-R LTD. (c). At right of Santa is date 1965. Rev. deer head with inscription around edge, THE DREAM OF ALL PEOPLE / THE YEAR AROUND. Issued by S-R Ltd. to publicize Santa Claus, Indiana. Bronze, 39mm. $3.00

55a. As above. Pure silver, serially numbered. 39mm. $10.00

55b. As above, but dated 1966 at right of Santa. Bronze, 39mm. $3.00

55c. As above. Pure silver, serially numbered. 39mm. $10.00

56 Obverse. Dove of Peace with olive branch in beak. Star of Bethlehem in background. Inscription PEACE ON EARTH; at bottom Gilroy Roberts' (the designer) monogram GR and date 1965. Reverse. olive branch and hemispheres. Inscription, GOODWILL TOWARD MEN OF ALL NATIONS. At bottom, mint mark of Franklin Mint, Yeadon Pa., the maker. Struck in proof, 250 in silver, a larger but limited number in Franklinium II (cupro-nickel-columbian alloy). The medals were distributed in a special red descriptive Christmas card type folder. 39mm. $10.00

57. Obverse, head of Santa similar to that used on Nos. 36-38 (same maker, Whitehead-Hoag) but on a larger token. Around edge, KAIMUKI JEWEL XMAS CLUB HONOLULU, HAWAII. Reverse inscription in nine lines: "Good for $2.50 on any purchase $15.00 or over Cash Credit-or Xmas Layaway at Kaimuki Jewel Shop." Maker's name in tiny letters at bottom. Aluminum. 38mm. $2.50

58. Encased coin. $2.50 gold piece in round aluminum holder. Obverse, COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON 1904. MADE BY MARTIN & CO. in small letters at lower edge. (Martin was a Chicago die sinker and token maker.) Reverse, *** MERRY CHRISTMAS *** HAPPY NEW YEAR. It is probable that this piece was made to sell as a gift item. $35.00

59. Encased coin. Indian Head cent in round aluminum holder. Obverse, COMPLIMENTS OF BECKERT & KIESO / 1700 7th ST. / OAKLAND, CAL. Wheat stalks at sides. Reverse, MERRY CHRISTMAS / 1901 / 1902 HAPPY NEW YEAR. In tiny letters at bottom, the maker's name, L. H. MOISE, S.F. $5.00

60. Encased coin. Lincoln Head cent in round aluminum holder. Obverse, stock die of horseshoe and clover leaf, KEEP ME AND NEVER GO BROKE. Reverse, THE SEASON'S GREETINGS / FROM THE MORE'S / TO YOU AND YOURS. At lower edge in tiny letters, the maker's name, EARL FANKHAUSER, FT. WAYNE, I. Given out by Phil More of Chicago Coin Club at Christmas, 1962. Obviously these recent encased cents for Christmas purposes could be endless, this one being listed merely as a type. 25c

61. Rolled cent. Head of Santa with evergreen below. A MERRY XMAS 1911. Dottie Dow XMAS-5. $5.00

62. Rolled cent. Stage coach drawn by four horses. MERRY XMAS and $3.50

63. Rolled cent. Similar but different design stage coach. Merry CHRIST- Dow XMAS-2. $3.50

64. Rolled cent. Santa facing to right. Date 19 / 64 at sides. MERRY XMAS above and below. Rather crude. Dottie Dow XMAS-3. 50c

64a. As above, different die. Dottie Dow XMAS-3. 50c

65. Rolled cent. Santa head facing directly forward, horizontally on rolled coin. At sides 19 / 65 and MERRY / CHRISTMAS. Initials of maker RWJ at upper right (Ralph W. Jobe). 50c

66. Rolled cent. Santa facing forward, slightly toward left. Above, MERRY CHRISTMAS, below FROM "LEM" MARTIN. Issued by Dow. VERY RARE. 50c

66a. Similar but reads MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR instead of maker's name. 50c

67. Rolled cent. Scene representing Christ in manger. Initials DD at lower right. Below A MERRY XMAS 1965. Issued by Dottie Dow, Phoenix, Arizona. 50c

67a. Similar but first die on which the initials DD were omitted. An error of which only a small number were made.

68. Dottie Dow, who wrote the book on rolled cents, "The Elongated Col-
69. lector," and to which the above catalog numbers refer, also issued several "Handshake tokens" similar to rolled cents but cast from a tin alloy metal ("Dow" metal?). They use the design of No. 62 and 63 described above, combined with obverse reading SEASONS GREETINGS FROM DOTTIE DOW PHOENIX, ARIZONA 1965. Unknown. \$1.00 each.

100. Canada. Obverse, a turkey in center with dates 1902 and 1903 above and below. Around edge, WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. Reverse, in 9 lines, "Good for $1.00 on an application for insurance — M. M. Oxley General Agent Confederation Life Niagara Falls, Ont. German silver, 28mm. $3.50

100a. Same, copper. $3.50

100b. Same, brass. $3.50

101. Canada. Obverse, standing figure of Victory holding aloft in her left hand a branch of laurel and in her right hand a sword which pierces the wing of a German eagle, which she is trampling. Around edge, L'UNION NATIONALE FRANCAISE DE MONTREAL. Reverse, SOUVENIR DU NOEL DE LA VICTOIRE (Christmas Souvenir of Victory). On a tablet the date 1918 with maker's name CARON FRERES, MONTREAL in small letters at sides. About 500 of these medals were made, which were presented to children of French reservists at a Christmas party held in Montreal on December 29, 1918. 33mm. $7.50

102. Switzerland. Obverse, kneeling soldier of medieval period with long axe and sword. Reverse, cross within beaded circle. NOEL 1939. Around edge, * 1re DIVISION * SOUS . LES . ARMES. Brass, looped at top. 27mm. $3.50

103. Obverse, lion with Pharoah's head (Sphinx), on base facing right. Above, XMAS STOCKING. Below 1942. Reverse, GOOD LUCK around upper edge. FROM FRIENDS across center, and IN EGYPT around lower edge. Believed sent to those who sent gifts to British and American troops in Egypt during the North African campaign of 1942. Copper, 26mm. $5.00

104. Canada. Obverse, Christmas bells in center amid stylized snowflakes. SEASON'S GREETINGS above and below. Reverse, THE WELLINGS MANUFACTURING CO. LTD. - TORONTO - ONTARIO - around edge. In center a large W against twin maple leaves. FRED & WILMA ROHDE in script on a shield below. Copper, 32mm. $4.00

105. Canada. Obverse, three tiered candle in center, 19 / 64 placed vertically at sides. SEASON'S GREETINGS above and below. Reverse, THE WELLINGS MANUFACTURING CO. LTD. * TORONTO . ONTARIO . CANADA * around edge. In upper center, EST. 1885 with large W against twin maple leaves. MEDALS TOKENS INSIGNIA below. Copper, 38mm. $4.00

## A PHONE CALL TO SANTA

Hello, hello, are you there?
Dear Santa, there's the nicest gift
I want sent down the Twenty-Fifth,
From your presents please wrap and fix
A Flying Eagle Cent of '56
In golden proof or other hue
So that it will look so shiny new.
You see, I get so lonesome, Santy,
Living alone with my old maid aunty,
But collecting coins helps a lot;
Only the rarities cost more than I've got,
And those empty spaces look so bad
I know you won't leave me feeling sad.

Now, is money ever scarce with you?
If not, then please send some paper money
To currency collectors, but don't get funny;
And of course world coin collectors can use
Foreign coins that are in the news,
And the ANA Library will take good care
Of any coin book, be it common or rare.
Three minutes are up and I must end this call,
I didn't have time to list the wants of all,
But please don't forget to bring
Tokens to TAMS members while you wing
Your way through the starry sky—
Dear Santa Claus, bye bye, bye bye.

(This is a revised version of a "phone call" I originally made to Santa several years ago at a December meeting of the Chicago Coin Club—A.R.S.)

# Notes